



## Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

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### Stewardship

*The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.*

#### **Teamwork in Invasive Plant Control within the Dunes and other Environments of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**

Location: Michigan - Empire  
Partner(s): The Nature Conservancy  
Partner Website: <http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/michigan/>  
Total Cost: \$198,029.00  
Proposal: # 137594

**Summary:** The spectacular coastal and perched dunes that are the namesake of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore are also perhaps its most sensitive natural community. These dunes are threatened by an ever-increasing invasion of non-native plants. The most notable of these invaders is baby's breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*), which currently infests over 1,325 acres of dune habitat. The Lakeshore is working closely with The Nature Conservancy, who received initial project funds through the Meijer Great Lakes Limited Partnership, to eradicate baby's breath from the dunes of Lake Michigan. Centennial Challenge funding would be used to ensure the success of this program on National Lakeshore lands.

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**The white flowers of baby's breath mix with the dune grasses of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore**